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World Class Highways
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the national highways upgraded or proposed to be upgraded to world class standard along with the current status;

(b) whether the Government proposes to build more world class highways in addition to already announced eight expressways in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred on them including the sources through which funds are proposed to be generated;

(d) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen road infrastructure in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) There are two National Expressways (NE) at present. NE-1 (Ahmedabad- Vadodara Expressway), having 93.4 km length, was developed as 4 lane Expressway in 2004 and is under operation; works for construction of NE-2 (Eastern Peripheral Expressway in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, connecting NH-1 and NH-2), of about 135 length, have been awarded in August, 2015 and is targeted for completion in March, 2018. The details of ongoing / planned projects for development of Expressways, sanctioned cost of ongoing projects, along with their current status is annexed. Funding requirements of Expressways are met out of overall resources available with the Ministry and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Regular interactions are made with concerned State Governments from time to time during the process of planning, project preparation and implementation of National Highway (NH) projects, including Expressway projects, and their views are duly considered.

(e) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of NHs in the country. The Ministry has taken up development of NHs under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads, Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, etc. The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and works on NHs are, accordingly, taken up from time to time depending upon availability of resources, inter-se priority and traffic density. Besides, the Ministry also declares some State Roads as new NHs from time to time considering the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.